



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Uses Thereof for Plant Improvement

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants request entry of the following
Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.